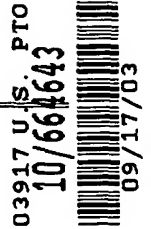


UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
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1. X **FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM** (*Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing*).

2. **IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

X This application is a divisional of patent application No. 10/112,325.

Prior application information: Examiner Derek L. Woods; Group Art Unit: 1734.

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(4).

3. **APPLICATION COMPRISED OF**

Specification

47 Specification, claims and Abstract (total pages)

Drawings

8 Sheets of formal drawing(s) (FIGS. 1 to 16)

Declaration and Power of Attorney

Newly executed

Unexecuted declaration

X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))(for continuation and divisional)

4. **Microfiche Computer Program** (*Appendix*)

5. **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** (*if applicable, all necessary*)

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FEE DETERMINATION

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TOTAL CLAIMS	19 - 20	= 0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0	0 x \$42.00	0 x \$84.00	0
MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE			\$140.00	\$280.00	0
BASIC FEE			\$375.00	\$750.00	750
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$750
List Independent Claims: 1, 6 & 12					

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- X Payment Enclosed: Check for \$750.00.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the **entire pendency** of the application to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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6. APPLICANT(S) STATUS UNDER 37 CFR §1.27

☐ Applicant(s) and any others associated with it/them under §1.27(a) are a SMALL ENTITY

7. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE

- ☐ Request and Certificate under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) **Request for Non-Publication**
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Includes "Cross-Reference to Related Applications"
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for the parent application and the required fee are enclosed
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with the Recordation Cover Sheet and the recordation fee are enclosed
- ☒ This application is owned by B. Braun Medical, Inc. pursuant to an Assignment recorded at Reel 013502, Frame 0592
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO/SB/08A/B
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
- ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized).
- ☒ Other: Decision Granting Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION GRANTING
STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), filed January 30, 2003, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor.

The petition is granted.


The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Ward Barney, refuses to sign the declaration.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.


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